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Mayoral Debate To Headline 21st Annual Empowerment Congress Summit

WHEN: 9 a.m. Saturday, January 19.

WHAT: The Empowerment Congress, the forerunner to Los Angeles' neighborhood council movement, will host a Los Angeles mayoral candidates debate at its 21st annual summit followed by afternoon workshops on topics such as civic engagement, neighborhood councils, and coalition building.

Confirmed participating candidates:

Los Angeles City Councilman Eric Garcetti,
Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry,
Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel,
former Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin James,
technology company executive Emanuel A. Pleitez

Moderator: Brad Pomerance, host of Time Warner's Local Edition

WHERE: University of Southern California.
Bovard Auditorium.
3551 Trousdale Parkway
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Event Details:

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Empowerment Congress, the forerunner to Los Angeles' neighborhood council movement, will host a major mayoral candidates debate.

Unique to the Empowerment Congress debate will be a focus on issues of particular importance to South Los Angeles and the African-American, Latino and Asian-American communities. Candidates also will discuss their plans for the future of Los Angeles as it relates to jobs, economic development, transportation and financial sustainability. **A press availability will immediately follow the debate.**

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